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Mr. Harold M. Botkin
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Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Botkin:

Referring to your letter of 18 July 1955 to Mr. Dulles, this is
to assure you that your Office and all government departments and
agencies having a requirement will be served by our Central Radio Fre-
quency Usage (CRFU) File to the fullest extent possible. We believe as
you that this relatively new project is progressing satisfactorily and
will soon be of great assistance to those concerned with frequency assign-
ment and management problems. Also, we agree that usage information
contained in our file will serve to complement data obtained from a cur-
rent and controlled monitoring program.

Your views with respect to broadening the scope of CRFU File operations
are most interesting. For some time it has been the considered opinion
of persons close to the CRFU File that those purposes related to assignment
and management problems will not be fully served by a file containing infor-
mation on foreign frequency usage alone. Specifically, the purposes listed
under items H and J, Paragraph 1, Annex B, NSC 169, concerning the usefulness
of such a file in the selection of frequencies for new or changed assignments
and the preparation of allocation studies, cannot be satisfied unless both
U.S. and foreign usage information are considered. However, it is our feeling
that CIA cannot be responsible for a program to provide a file of information
on world wide frequency usage, since we are limited by NSC 169 to foreign
coverage and our basic statute expressly forbids the Agency to engage in
domestic intelligence.

If another agency can be found to maintain the records of domestic fre-
quency usage, we would be happy to work out arrangements for a combined phy-
sical facility which would adequately meet the need you outline.

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